

To our Patients, their Families and Friends, and Community:

Cary Medical Center is committed to being here to care for you. We are again updating certain parts of our visitor policy.

CURRENT VISITATION POLICY (effective 8.17.2022)

General Consideration:

- 1) **Visitors that are sick are asked to not visit the hospital.** If you appear to be sick in any way our staff will ask you to leave the hospital.
- 2) **All patients and visitors will be asked to mask on entry and remain masked while in the hospital. Exceptions to this policy cannot be made, if you decline to wear your mask completely covering your nose and mouth, we will need to ask you to leave.**
- 3) Visitors should only visit the intended patient and should not visit other patients while here.
- 4) Visitors should not go to other areas of the hospital while here.
- 5) The cafeteria is not open for public use at this time.
- 6) Patients who are on quarantine or isolation for COVID or other infectious diseases that could be a public health threat will generally not be allowed visitors.

Visitors are allowed in the hospital as follows:

ER:

- 1) In the ER there will be **ONE visitor**. Exception for end-of-life care, imminent transfer, or other unique situations will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Inpatient Units:

- 1) Patients may have up to two visitors at a time. Visitors may swap out at will. Visitors not in the patient's room must leave the building, and should not wait in common areas, or go anywhere else in the hospital. Exception for end-of-life care, imminent transfer, clergy, or other unique situations will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

One Day Surgery:

- 1) Each patient may designate **ONE person** that can accompany them into One Day Surgery and wait with them for surgery. Once the patient moves to the procedure/operating room, the visitor will need to leave and then may return to be with the patient once they are notified by One Day Surgery staff to return.
- 2) No visitors under the **age of 12**.
- 3) No one who is sick, even if you only have a sniffle, may be a designated visitor.

Outpatient areas:

- 1) Please **reschedule your visit or testing if you are sick**, even if it is only a sniffle, unless your doctor thinks it is important that you have your test immediately.
- 2) Please **do not bring others with you** to outpatient testing appointments, labs, radiology, or other similar visits.
 - a. Exception for those with physical handicaps that require assistance to move through the facility, you may have one person with you for that purpose.
 - b. Exception for a minor child or an adult that does not have the capacity to speak or make their own decisions that is a patient, they may have one parent or guardian with them.
 - c. Exception for one person to accompany a patient for obstetric ultrasounds.

The health of our patients and staff is our top priority. We realize that these restrictions may cause challenges, and we are sorry for any inconvenience or difficulties they may cause.

For all units please wash your hands before entering the room and before leaving the facility.

***Thank you for your understanding and your attention to these changes.
We are committed to only keeping these changes in place for as long as necessary.***

